

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Howard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 445, 2/11/2011; HB 473, 2/11/2011; HB 486, 2/11/2011; HB 501, 2/11/2011; HB 539, 2/11/2011

00:00:49 Chairman Howard

HEARING ON HB 486

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 486, Generally revise laws on release of health information.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:05 Loren Schrag, Director, Health Share Montana
00:03:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick entered.
00:05:13 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association and Health Share Montana
00:05:33 Rep. Fitzpatrick and Rep. Hill exited.
00:06:48 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana
00:07:14 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:34 Ellen Leahy, Missoula City-County Health Department

Informational Testimony:

00:09:57 Ron Baldwin, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:55 Rep. Taylor
00:11:28 Rep. Furey entered.

HEARING ON HB 445

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:16 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 445, Allow health care choice thru out-of-state policies.

[EXHIBIT\(huh38a01\)](#)

00:15:34 Rep. Furey exited.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:08 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
00:21:10 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:24:16 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Life

00:25:14 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:25:27 Rep. Fitzpatrick entered.

Informational Testimony:

00:25:37 Katherine Kountz, Bureau Chief, Human Rights Bureau, Department of Labor
and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:56 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:15 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 473, Revise public
health services.

00:28:03 Rep. Smith exited.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:20 Michele Sare, Mineral County Health Department
00:29:29 Rep. More exited.
00:32:01 Rep. Hunter exited.
00:32:42 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:33:06 Erin McGowan Fincham, Association of Montana Public Health Officials and
Montana Public Health Association

EXHIBIT(huh38a02)

00:33:50 Rep. Smith entered.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:23 Rep. Ingraham
00:35:49 Rep. Hendrick
00:36:41 Rep. Ingraham
00:37:00 Michele Sare
00:37:27 Rep. Kennedy
00:37:36 Rep. Hendrick
00:37:55 Michelle Sare
00:38:24 Rep. Kennedy
00:38:34 Michele Sare

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:41 Rep. Hendrick

00:38:57 Rep. Skattum exited.

HEARING ON HB 539

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:45 Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 539, Allow medical providers to provide care utilizing immunotherapy.

[EXHIBIT\(huh38a03\)](#)

00:40:50 Rep. More entered.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:54 Janet Whitmoyer, Montana Medical Association

00:45:55 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:46:07 Rep. Skattum entered.

Informational Testimony:

00:47:23 Jane Hamman, Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:29 Rep. Ingraham

00:49:26 Janet Whitmoyer

00:50:01 Rep. Hunter entered.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:18 Rep. O'Neil

HEARING ON HB 501

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:30 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 501, Revise laws regarding number of children in certain foster care homes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:13 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family Services, DPHHS

EXHIBIT(huh38a04)

00:57:25 Rep. Yates entered.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:03 Rep. Bangerter
01:04:32 Rep. Reichner
01:04:45 Rep. Bangerter
01:05:35 Rep. Reichner
01:06:04 Rep. Bangerter
01:06:16 Rep. Reichner
01:06:48 Rep. More
01:07:18 Shirley Brown
01:08:02 Rep. More
01:08:04 Shirley Brown
01:08:41 Rep. More
01:08:45 Shirley More
01:09:33 Rep. More
01:09:43 Rep. Reichner
01:09:51 Rep. Kennedy
01:10:18 Shirley Brown
01:12:10 Rep. Hunter
01:14:17 Rep. Reichner
01:15:02 Rep. Pease-Lopez exited.
01:16:10 Rep. Furey exited.
01:17:26 Rep. Ingraham
01:17:54 Shirley Brown
01:18:13 Rep. Ingraham
01:18:55 Shirley Brown
01:21:01 Rep. Smith
01:21:25 Rep. Noonan exited.
01:21:43 Shirley Brown
01:21:49 Rep. Smith
01:22:08 Shirley Brown
01:22:44 Rep. Smith
01:23:00 Shirley Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:14 Rep. Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh38aad.pdf](#))